support 6,000 high quality model schools throughout the country, at the rate of one school in every block, to set standards of excellence for other schools in the area. Out of 6000 model schools, 2500 schools are proposed to be launched on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) , basis in partnership with private sector including philanthropic foundations, educational trusts etc. The scheme is part of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12).

Education complexes for women in low literacy pockets

4021. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to slater

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds, earmarked for the schemes for setting up of Education complexes in low literacy pockets for the development of women's literacy, were sanctioned for projects in districts, that were not part of the identified districts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, alongwith the details of identified districts in which the projects were sanctioned; and

(c) what are me steps taken by Government to improve women's literacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir. No project has been sanctioned in the last three years (2005-06 to 2007-08) in districts other than identified low literacy districts and areas having Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) girls population under the scheme "Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas", revised and renamed as "Strengthening education among ST girls in low literacy districts" in 2007-08.

(b) Does not arise. The details of identified districts under the scheme "Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas" in which the projects were sanctioned during the last three years is given in the Statement *{See* below).

(c) The Government is implementing the Literacy Programmes of National Literacy Mission in 597 districts of the country with special focus on female literacy, a targeted scheme of strengthening education among Scheduled Tribe girls in low literacy districts, as well as, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan with specific components to improve girls education in all districts of the country.

Statement

The details of identified districts under the scheme "Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas" in which the projects were sanctioned during the last three years

SI. No.	State	Name of district
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam
		Vizianagarm
		Visakhapatnam '
		Khammam

1	2	3
		Warangal
		Adilabad
		Guntur
		Prakasam
		Nellore
		Cuddapah
		Kurnool
		Mehboobnagar
		Rangareddy
		Medak
		Nizamabad
		Karimnagar
		Nalgonda
2.	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
3.	Gujarat	Kutch
		Banaskantha
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Solan
5.	Jhafkhand	West Singhbhum
6.	Karnataka	Raichur and Mysore
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol
		Harda
		Rattan
		Beta!
		Jhabua
		Satna
		Sidhi
		Dindori
		Anuppur
8.	Maharashtra	Thane (for PTGs*)
		Nanded (for PTGs)
9.	Orissa	Rayagada
		Dhenkanal
		Koraput
		Cuttack
		Keonjhar
		Malkaneiri

* PTGs—Primitive Tribal Group

1	2	3
		Angul
		Mayurbhanj
10.	Rajasthan	Sawai Madhopur
		Chittorgarh
		Udaipur
11.	West Bengal	Murshidabad

Habitations without schools

4022. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 31648 habitations do not have any primary school/Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and innovative Education Centres within the one kilometer, as envisaged under SSA;

. (b) if so, the reasons therefor, alongwith the latest details of such habitations in each State, State-wise; and

(c) what are the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the coverage of SSA for these habitations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) All India School Education Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in year 2002 estimated that 1070863 habitations in rural areas *i.e.* 86.96% were served by primary schools within one-kilometer radius. As a result of implementation of SSA programme since 2001-02, 186985 new schools have been opened till 31.03.2007. It is now estimated that 98% of habitations in rural areas have a primary school within one-kilometer radius.

Opening up of universities of international standards

† 4023. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a plan to open universities of international standards in the country;

(b) if so, in which States such universities would be opened; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Eleventh Five Year Plan, approved by the National Development Council, includes, *inter-alia,* the setting up of 14 Central Universities, aiming at world class standards. It has been decided to locate these Universities in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.